

2019 RELIGIOUS LEADER OF THE YEAR

Nomination

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The Reverend Sheleta Fomby is a native of the Washington DC Metropolitan area and reared in Prince George's County Maryland. Upon graduating, Rev. Fomby enlisted in the United States Air Force where she proudly served her country in Ramstein Germany. After completing her military service, Rev. Fomby worked in the federal government for thirteen years before resigning to serve in ministry.

Having acknowledged her call to ministry in November 2002, Rev. Fomby was licensed to preach that same year. She received ordination as Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in April 2007 and Itinerant Elder orders in April 2009. Rev. Fomby's life assignment is to advance God's Kingdom agenda in the earth through servant leadership that inspires and empowers people to take the next faithful step. She is thankful to live out this calling in the capacity of the Minister to Church of the Reid Temple AME Church, Inc. (North Location) and as the Minister to Women.

A gifted preacher and teacher, Rev. Fomby has been privileged to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ on various national platforms. Her sermons have been published in The African American Pulpit Journal. The same publication has recognized her as one of the "20 To Watch Under 40". She is also published in "These Sisters Can Say It!, a compilation of sermons by 21st Century African American Women Preachers, edited by Darryl Sims with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale. Rev. Fomby faithfully renders her gifts for service unto Jesus Christ and His church through ministry, as she is frequently invited to minister in a wide array of ministry settings, to include: women's conferences, retreats, panel discussions, workshops, seminars, etc. Her ministry is richly empowered by the Holy Spirit as evidenced by her enlightened and insightful expression of God's holy word.

Rev. Fomby holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of MD (UMUC) and Masters of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary. She is currently participating in continuing education studies at the Duke Divinity Faith and Leadership Institute. She endeavors to always do ministry with integrity and authenticity. God has worked miraculously in her life and to him she gives all honor, praise and glory. Rev. Fomby is encouraged daily by Philippians 1:6, "...being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Nominated by: Brother Gerald Folsom